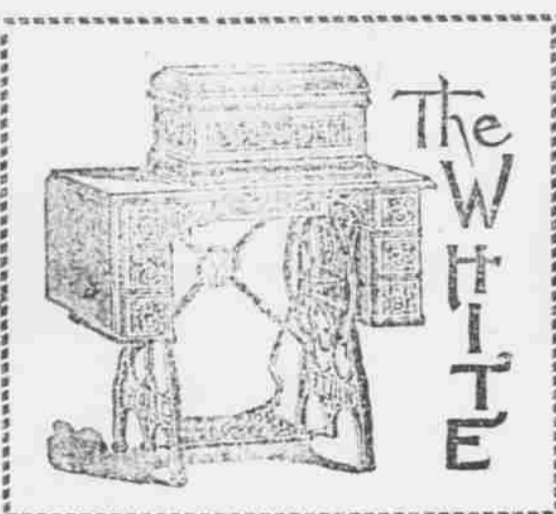


to be given away free



sixty-five dollar
high-arm
white
sewing machine

ON July 4th, 1899, I will give away, free, a Sixty-five dollar White Sewing Machine. The plan is as follows: * * *

I have written a number somewhere between 1 and 3,000 and have deposited it in a sealed envelope in the Farmers' Bank at Keytesville, and the one guessing nearest that number will be given the machine. No one knows what the number is, as it was selected from several other number that had been previously deposited in sealed envelopes. In case two or more persons guess the winning number, the machine will be sold and the proceeds divided equally among the successful guessers.

All new subscribers and those who renew their subscription to the Courier before July 4th will be entitled to one guess on the machine. *

CHARITON COURIER.

C. P. VANDIVER, Ed. and Prop.

KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI

Best Michigan salt for sale by Kubo.

"For good things to eat" call on Kubo.

For the best timothy seed call on Kubo.

Agee Bros. are the leaders in groceries.

You get your money's worth in groceries at Kubo's.

"Here's a snap for you."—Kubo's special leader coffee.

Mrs. Wm. E. Hill visited in Hannibal and Quincy last week.

When you want first-class job work, come to the COURIER office.

Everything the market affords in the way of produce at Agee Bros.

For bargains in embroideries and white goods go to Miller & Lewis.

Go to Agee Bros. for the best canned goods, pickles, spices, candies, etc.

A full line of staple and fancy groceries at BED-ROCK prices at Agee Bros.

A special sale of embroideries and white goods is now on at Miller & Lewis.

For the best teas, coffees, spices, extracts, pickles, candies and cigars, call on Kubo.

A hotel and five other houses were destroyed by fire at Blackwater, Saline county, last Saturday.

If you are looking for something nice in the way of embroideries and white goods, go to Miller & Lewis.

Fat and jolly George Grotz of Mendon was in the capital last Saturday, having driven through in a buggy.

We can please the most fastidious in embroideries and white goods. MILLER & LEWIS.

Our line of embroideries and white goods was never more complete, and we have just inaugurated a special sale on these goods. MILLER & LEWIS.

The six-months-old child of Deputy Recorder T. V. Phelps and wife is sick with *la grippe*.

Think of it! "No schemes, no fakes," but honest guaranteed goods for honest money every time you buy of Kubo.

The coldest weather of the season was reached at Keytesville last Sunday morning, the thermometer registering 30 degrees below zero.

5% FARM LOANS, annual interest. Small brokerage.

MINTER & CRAWLEY,
Keytesville, Mo.

W. H. Knox of three miles southeast of Indian Grove requests the COURIER to announce that he has 400 bushels of good seed oats and a lot of cane seed for sale.

The imposing \$5,000 residence of Col. Samuel H. Brown at Fayette caught fire and was entirely consumed last Saturday. The property was insured for \$3,500.

"Uncle" Ed Coleman of three miles southeast of Keytesville, who has been having a severe tussle with *la grippe*, is much better, and we hope to see him out again soon.

H. C. Zillman, a farmer residing near Indian Grove, and family will leave the first of March for Southeast Colorado, where Mr. Zillman has traded for 160 acres of land.

We have secured the services of an experienced undertaker and are better prepared to serve the public. Your patronage solicited.
SWAIN FURNITURE CO.

The Keytesville city council met in called session yesterday (Thursday) morning, and passed a special ordinance quarantining against all comers from towns infested with small-pox.

When needing anything in undertaker's goods, remember we carry a complete line of coffins, caskets, robes and burial shoes, and at prices to suit the times.
SWAIN FURNITURE CO.

Mrs. H. A. Wheeler returned home, Tuesday night, from a five months' visit to relatives at Kansas City, and it is hardly necessary for us to say that "Squire Wheeler has nearly smiled himself away since his wife's return after so long an absence.

Money to Loan At 5 1-2 per cent annual interest on unincumbered farm lands. Commission, reasonable. GEO. N. ELLIOTT, Keytesville, Mo.
Office in court-house.

Harry, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Furrow of this place, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, is much better, as is also his sister, Miss Pearl, who is afflicted with a complication of physical ailments.

The Progressive Carom club spent last Friday evening with Miss Anne Grinstead, who proved herself an admirable hostess. The honors of the evening for the most proficient playing were won by Miss Grace Egan and A. F. Arrington.

Mrs. A. Newsome of Indian Grove is quite ill with *la grippe*, and her daughter, Miss Ina, is very low with pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Adams of the same place have been indisposed with *la grippe*, but are now convalescing.

Miss Emma Stacy of one-half mile east of this place received a very hard fall on the ice at her home last Monday. The shock to the spinal column was so great that Dr. B. Hughes was called to attend the young lady, but the COURIER is pleased to hear that no serious results are anticipated.

Go to Jos. F. Hansman and call for his 1891 hand-made Bourbon. You will find it matured well, palatable and strictly pure.

Money to Loan on short notice on unincumbered farm lands at from five and one-half to seven per cent annual interest.

O. B. ANDERSON,
W. H. LEWIS,
Keytesville, Mo.
Office in court-house.

Mrs. Will Whaley Mrs. Arthur Drescher and Miss Lena Mounce, all of Hannibal, with Mrs. Wm. E. Hill, and daughter, Helen, of Keytesville, were given a box party in Quincy last week, at the Empire theater, by F. W. Hill of "A Bachelor's Romance Co." and entertained at the Newcomb hotel after the play.

Mrs. Dr. O. McEuen of Shannondale and Miss Fannie Nichols of Keytesville took their departure, Tuesday morning, for Phoenix, Arizona, where Mrs. McEuen goes in quest of health. The COURIER trusts the good lady will secure the coveted boon during her anticipated stay of three or four months at the famous health resort of Phoenix.

Clarence Edgar Browne of Kansas City, the young man who married Miss Ella Wheeler, formerly of Keytesville, sends the COURIER a very pretty calendar, advertising the Prudential Insurance company of America. The picture of a beautiful little girl, toggled up to kill, and printed in elaborate and attractive colors, is the most conspicuous feature of the calendar.

The J. T. club was highly entertained last Friday evening at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis. The drawing contest among the members of the club was very amusing, and developed a deplorable want of artistic talent. The prizes were awarded to Emmett DeMoss and Miss Virgie Moore. Cheese and ham sandwiches, chicken salad, olives and coffee constituted the refreshments.

N. B. Minor, a young man about 22 years old, living with his widowed mother, 2 1-2 miles southwest of Shannondale, has gone deranged. He was adjudged to be of unsound mind at a special session of the county court yesterday, and was ordered conveyed to the insane asylum at St. Joseph as a charge of Chariton county. The unfortunate young man was taken to the asylum yesterday afternoon by his brother, L. L. Minor of Sumner, and his uncle, T. H. McCrary of Fayette.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney J. F. Pratt went to Brunswick yesterday morning to prosecute the case of the state against James Erickson, col. in Justice Charles E. Finch's court for jumping on moving trains. Mr. Pratt went from Brunswick to Sumner to represent the state in Justice F. M. Lewis' court in the case wherein a family row had occurred among the male portion of the Higginses, one Higgins having permitted his angry passions to arise to such an extent as to assault another Higgins.

Wm. Brown and Alex. Johnson, two of the dusky denizens of Dalton, had some differences, and during the altercation which ensued Brown snapped a pistol at Johnson, but the old thing wouldn't go off, hence Johnson is still in the land of the living. Brown was arrested on the charge of felonious assault with intent to kill, but owing to Johnson's unsavory character. Prosecuting Attorney Collet consented for Brown to plead guilty to common assault before Justice C. W. Steiman of Bowling Green township. Justice Steiman fined Brown \$1, which, with trimmings, amounted to \$15.50. Brown paid up and was discharged.

Benjamin F. Showers of Cunningham township has brought suit at the ensuing April term of circuit court for divorce from his wife, Sarah E. Showers, on the grounds of abandonment. The plaintiff states in his petition that he and the defendant were married in Lancaster county, Neb., September 2nd, 1885, and that notwithstanding he treated defendant with kindness and affection, she abandoned him the 26th day of September, 1891, and has ever since continued to live separate and apart from him. Nothing is said in plaintiff's petition about any children. Messrs. L. Sharp and U. A. House of Sumner are plaintiff's attorneys.

Sheriff J. R. Dempsey has been wondering for several days why his lard had been disappearing so rapidly, but did not discover the cause until Tuesday of this week, when he learned that one of the "trusties" at the county jail had been helping himself to the high sheriff's hog tallow for the purpose of making grease lamps by which he (the trusty) could see to read and entertain himself with thrilling novels until the wee sma' hours of the early morning. Sheriff Dempsey's sugar and coffee had also been disappearing, and have been liberally used by the same party as "refreshments" between two days. Since it seems that "trusties" cannot always be "trusted," it is needless to say that Sheriff Dempsey will keep his larder under lock and key hereafter.

New Cases for Circuit Court.

The following new cases have been filed in the office of Z. T. Lamkin, our handsome circuit clerk, for the April term of our circuit court at Keytesville:

CIVIL CASES.

Ann M. Bach vs. Mahala Evans et al, ejectment.

L. Benecke, administrator, vs. E. B. Welch et al, injunction.

Horace G. Standley et al vs. R. E. Waters et al, partition.

Patton & Truitt vs M. J. Lain et al, appeal.

Minnie Fisher vs. Peter Young, ejectment.

Benjamin F. Showers vs. Sarah E. Showers, divorce.

Emma H. Price vs. John R. Almond et al, partition.

CRIMINAL CASES.

State of Missouri vs. Joseph E. Young, bigamy.

County Treasurer John Knappenberger received a letter from his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Kennedy of Carrollton, Wednesday, stating that another case of small-pox had broken out at that place, the victim being a man by the name of Simms. She also said that Col. John Blankenship, a resident of Carrollton who left that place to avoid the small-pox, had been stricken with the dread disease at Excelsior Springs, and had been removed to a pest-house.

The Ladies' Social exchange met with Mrs. Thos. E. Mackay, Friday afternoon. After exchanging social gossip for quite awhile a smelling contest followed, in which 14 different varieties of liquids, mostly medicines, were placed alternately to the delicate olfactories of each member of the exchange. Mrs. H. L. Sneed's sense of smell was found to be the most acute as she called 11 of the 14 varieties of the "smellables" by the proper names and was, therefore, awarded the prize, although three ladies were only one correct smell short of Mrs. Sneed. At the conclusion of the very unique exhibition of smelling abilities, choice refreshments were served, such as Mrs. Mackay is noted for preparing.

We see by the *Brunswick* that Dr. T. F. Martin of Brunswick returned from Springfield, Mo., last Thursday, where he went as a delegate to the state camp, Modern Woodmen of America. Dr. Martin was one of three candidates before the convention for the position of head physician of the order, and though the election went to Dr. Palmer of Kansas City, yet Dr. Martin made a creditable showing, placed himself directly in line for election to the position two years hence and was congratulated by the delegates upon the favorable impression made by his canvass, and the advantageous position in which he was placed for the future. He was recommended by the medical profession of the state, through the presidents of all the representative medical associations, was endorsed by his home camp, neighboring camps, the county convention of his home county, received the unanimous support of the Second congressional district delegation in the convention, with scattering votes from other portions of the state. He was a new man in the race. There was a "fight on" between Hannibal and Kansas City of two years standing, and which was conducted upon such lines as will effectually remove either of those candidates from before the next state camp. The position, calculated upon the basis of last year's growth of the order, would have paid Dr. Martin \$3,000 a year, in addition to his practice, and is worth making a long, hard and steady pull for.

For Sale.

My residence property in South Keytesville, consisting of four acres of ground and improvements thereon. For further information call on or address,
D. J. NICHOLS,
Keytesville, Mo.

Traffic Over London Bridge.

It is computed that about 200,000 pedestrians and 20,000 vehicles cross London bridge every day. Each leaves behind a little shoe leather or a little iron—just a trifle. But when litter and dust are added to these minute losses the whole fills between three and four carts. The most surprising fact of all, however, is that the incessant traffic across the bridge reduces to powder about twenty-five cubic yards of granite every year.

Wedding Bells.

STEWART-SHARLS:—John L. Stewart and Mrs. Laura Sharls of Brunswick were married at the palatial residence of Col. W. W. Cousins in Keytesville, Monday, February 13th, 1899. Justice J. M. DeMoss applying the matrimonial yoke.

STRAUB-WESTENFELD:—Charles Straub and Miss Christine Westenfeld were married at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Straub, near Brunswick, Tuesday, February 7th, 1899. Rev. F. G. Walther of Brunswick making the twain one.

OWENS-COLLET:—R. J. Owens of near Snapp and Miss Rosa E. Collet were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collet, five miles northeast of Keytesville, Wednesday evening, February 15th, Rev. F. M. Dykes launching their hymeneal bark. The bridegroom is a thrifty young farmer, while the bride is an estimable young lady, and is a sister to our efficient prosecuting attorney, J. A. Collet.

BRUNNER-YOUNG:—John J. Brunner and Miss Pearl Young of Brunswick were married in that city, Tuesday, February 14th, Rev. E. E. Bostwick uniting their destinies. The bridegroom was connected in a typographical capacity with the *Brunswick* for several years, but is now engaged in the hardware business at Brunswick. He is a young man of excellent habits, while his bride is a young lady noted for her many graces of head and heart.

DODD-KOEHL:—R. A. Dodd of near Mendon and Miss Maggie E. Koehl of near Newhall were married on board a Santa Fe train in Jackson county, Mo., while en route from Mendon to Kansas City, Monday morning, February 13th, 1899. Justice Joseph Ralph of near Mendon acted in the capacity of guide, counselor and friend to the bridal couple and performed the marriage ceremony amid his sweetest and most bewitching smiles. The COURIER imagines, however, that "Squire Ralph's sweetest smiles will fade away like a snow-ball before a summer sun when he learns that he has no authority to tie nuptial knots outside of Chariton county, and that the couple he made so happy, while speeding over a railroad at the rate of 40 miles an hour, will have to be married over again in order to make their marriage legal. We tender our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Dodd over this little unpleasantness in their honeymoon, and trust that their married life will be all the sweeter after they have been legally joined in wedlock. As to "Squire Ralph, we hasten to serve notice on that gentleman that we expect "to take something" at his expense the first time we see him.

The Tomb.

MILLER:—Cornelius Vanderbilt, the 11-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller, col. of this city, died of pneumonia last Saturday, and was buried in the City cemetery the following day.

WILKINSON:—Wilkinson, the 19-months old son of Mrs. R. D. Burrus of 2 1-2 miles southeast of Keytesville, died last Saturday after a nine days' illness of pneumonia. Interment in the City cemetery. Sunday.

PRICE:—Mrs. Mary J. Price of Brunswick died of pneumonia at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wayland, near Clifton Hill, Randolph county, last Saturday, aged nearly 82 years. Her remains were brought to Keytesville for interment. Appropriate remarks were made at the grave by Rev. J. D. Smith of Salisbury. Mrs. Price was a native of Prince Edwards county, Virginia, and had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for about 60 years. She was a widow at the time of her death, being the relict of Ebenezer Price. She was the mother of 10 children, two of whom, Mrs. Wm. Wayland of near Clifton Hill and Mrs. Emma J. Ewing of Brunswick, survive her. Besides her two daughters she also leaves 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

For Rent.

Two 80-acre farms, near Brunswick; well improved.

CHARLES R. MASON,
Brunswick, Mo.